increasd this year by a number of airlines including Indian Airlines and foreign carriers to cater to this additional demand.

(c) No such proposal is available with the Government.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Allotment of land for displaced persons from BALCO

†*233. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allotted 1200 acres of lands on lease to the displaced persons from BALCO;

(b) whether the Sterlite Industries have set up a power plant and a sub-station for its private use on the said land; and

(c) if so, the details of action being taken to evict Sterlite Industries from the said land?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As per information made available by the State Government of Chhattisgarh, no land has been allotted to the displaced persons from BALCO.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The State Government of Chhattisgarh has informed that it has proceeded against BALCO for reported encroachment on 1036.52 acres of land wherein the expansion project of BALCO is in progress. Since BALCO has obtained a stay order from Hon'ble High Court of Chhattisgarh, the State Government has stayed its action regarding the eviction of BALCO from the encroached land.

Promotion of CNG

*234. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will encourage the use of environment friendly fuel Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in private/commercial vehicles also;

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken to facilitate supply and distribution of CNG in the cities of the country;

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